

OCT 1 4 2004

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**NVENTORS**:

Tatsuya KAWAHARA, et al.

**SERIAL NO:** 

09/977,399

FILING DATE:

October 16, 2001

TITLE:

DIFFUSION LAYER FOR A FUEL CELL AND A METHOD AND

APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

**ART UNIT:** 

1746

**EXAMINER:** 

Robert W. HODGE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2004 in the aboveidentified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.